an intro to *ara*

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ANTI-RACIST ACTION

Anti-Racist Action (Toronto) came together in September 1992, at a time when white supremacist groups were making a bid for mainstream credibility and campaigning to recruit white youth as shock troops for their genocidal plans. Since then we have been working in schools, in our neighbourhoods, and on the streets to show the strength of our opposition to white supremacy and fascism, as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society. Our basis of unity is **"to expose, oppose, and confront racist organizing and the far-right agenda, through education, mass action, and support of broader anti-racist struggles."**

We organize demonstrations, distribute anti-fascist and anti-racist information, and work to educate ourselves and others about far-right groups and the racist and homophobic society which spawns them. ARA meets regularly to plan actions, shows and campaigns. We welcome all sincere anti-racists.

ARA also works with other anti-racist groups to develop common strategies to fight white supremacy. We organize benefit shows and participate in campaigns against police brutality and in support of sovereign First Nations facing racist backlash. While we support those who pressure the government and the courts to move against fascist hate-mongering and violence, **our focus is on direct action and grassroots responses to white supremacy. We think you should have the opportunity to act on your outrage at nazi organizing in your community. Stopping them in their goosestepping tracks is self-defense!**

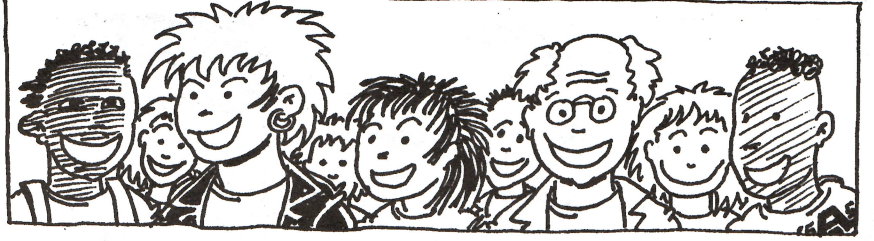
So far, ARA's militant counter-presence has helped to severely hinder open fascist organizing in larger metropolitan areas. However, experience is showing that the fash will just relocate their organizing to communities that have no organized anti-racist presence. So, we need to stay active and spread our anti-fascist organizing to meet them wherever they are.

ARA Network

The ARA-Net is a network of ARA-type groups across North America. To date there are more than 120 groups, united by four points of unity:

1. We go where they go. Whenever fascists are organizing or active in public, we're there. We don't believe in ignoring them or staying away from them. Never let the nazis have the streets.

2. Don't rely on the cops or the courts to do our work. This doesn't



What is this all about...?

Fascism and neo-nazis are not an isolated phenomenon. They are supported in many ways by racist police and government policies, and won't be uprooted easily. In addition to organizing events and demonstrations, we need to challenge the everyday racism, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism which we encounter in our own lives – in our schools, in our families, among our friends, and on the streets.

If we don't, we allow the grounds for fascist movements to remain fertile, and they will grow accordingly. Please join us: we gotta yank the weeds before they spread!

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mean we don't ever go to court. But we must rely on ourselves to protect ourselves and to stop the fascists.

3. Non-sectarian defense of other anti-fascists. In ARA-Net, we have lots of groups and individuals. We don't agree about everything, and we have a right to differ openly. But in this movement an attack on one is an attack on us all. We stand behind each other.

4. ARA-Net intends to do the hard work necessary to build a broad, strong movement against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, discrimination against the disabled, the oldest and the youngest of our people. We intend to win.

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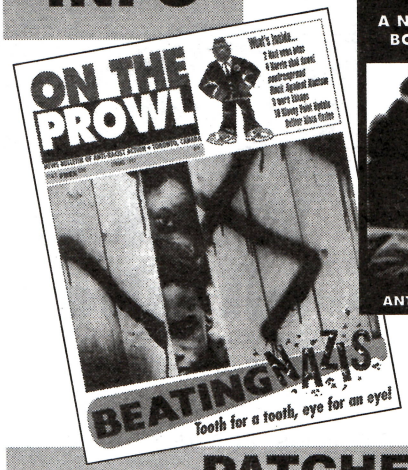

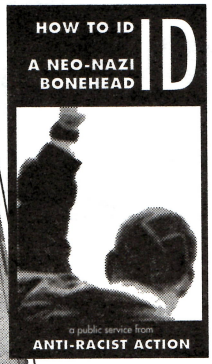

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